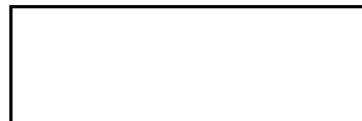*Crisis mgmt*
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25 January 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/DCI/IC

FROM   : Cord Meyer, Jr., SA/DDCI

SUBJECT   : Intelligence Support to Crisis Management

1. Following our meeting with the DDCI on 16 November, we sought the informal views of the other principal agencies of the Intelligence Community concerned with intelligence support during crisis -- DIA, NSA, and State/INR -- on the proposals in our 12 October paper. The response has been generally favorable. While the other agencies have certain reservations in detail, they agree that the DCI could exercise a greater degree of Community leadership during periods of crisis and that the concept of a crisis coordinator of intelligence activities and a Community crisis checklist are sound. The specific written comments of DIA, NSA, and State/INR are at Tab A.

2. We have incorporated these comments in a revision of the 12 October memorandum. A draft of this revision, in the form of a memorandum from the D/DCI/IC to the DCI, is at Tab B. In this draft we have tried to accommodate most of the concerns of DIA, NSA, and State/INR and have described the functions of the Coordinator (retitled DCI Crisis Advisor) in greater detail. We have stated the various alternative organizational options for the advisor role and have added another option -- Chairman of a new DCI Committee -- which was not in the earlier proposal.

3. Since crisis liaison relations between the DCI and the Secretaries of Defense and State may well be part of the larger issue of relations between new officials in all three positions, I believe the DCI should consider the liaison

proposals separately from the establishment of the Advisor
and the Checklist; the latter two being matters which can
be dealt with within the Intelligence Community itself.

4. I propose that we meet to discuss these proposals
when you have had an opportunity to review them.

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Attachments: As stated

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